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# DX ITALIA

## DX NEWS

by **I2MQP**

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**RED** = Important operation    **GREEN** = Details not yet fixed

**ON NOW OR WITHIN NEXT WEEK -- IN ARIA ORA O ENTRO UNA SETTIMANA**

PFX	COUNTRY	DATE	INFO	QSL Info
4S	Sri Lanka	Mow - Apr 10	DC0KK is on as 4S7KKG mainly CW and digi	H.C. dir & bur & OQRS
5R	Madagascar	Aug end - 2016	AI4SV will be in Madagascar for 3 year and will sign 5R8SV	G3SWH
6W	Senegal	Jan 10 - Feb 5	F6BLP will sign 6W7SK. Will try also 150	H.C. dir & bur & LoTW
9M2	W.Malaysia	Now - Feb 4	PA0RRS is on as 9M2MRS from AS-015	H.C.
BY	China	Now - Jan 9	BA7CK is again on from AS-143	BA4TB dir
C5	Gambia	Jan 15 - Jan 26	G3VMW, G3XAQ, G3XTT and M0PCB will operate all bands and modes as C5X	M0OXO OQRS
C6	Bahamas	Dec 2014 - April 2015	9H5G will be /C6ATS	NI5DX

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<b>CE0Y</b>	<b>Easter Isl.</b>	Jan 10 - Jan 16	JA3ARJ, JA3AVO, JA3HJI, JA3IVU, JH3LSS, JH3PBL and JI3DNN will be on /CE0Y	H.C.
<b>CN</b>	<b>Morocco</b>	Now - Mar 20	F6CTF is often on different frequencies	H.C. dir
<b>DP</b>	<b>Antartica</b>	Now - Feb 2015	DL1HB will activate the DP0GVN station	DL5EBE
<b>DP</b>	<b>Antartica</b>	Dec 1 - Feb 28	DL5XL will be again in AN-016 as DP1POL	DL1ZBO dir & bur
<b>EP</b>	<b>Iran</b>	Jan 16 - Jan 31	4 or 5 Stations will be on from AS-166 signing EP6T	MOURX
<b>FJ</b>	<b>St.Barhelemy</b>	Jan 17 - Jan 25	N9SW will be /FJ mainly CW	H.C.
<b>FO</b>	<b>F.Polynesi a</b>	Dec 27 - Jan 12	OE1SSS will be /FO	H.C. dir & bur
<b>FO/a</b>	<b>Austral</b>	Jan 5 - Jan 11	KK6BT will be on from OC-114 signing TX5W	
<b>FW</b>	<b>Wallis and Futuna</b>	NOW	FW5JJ is back to Wallis and will be on for two years including low bands	F5RXL OQRS
<b>GM</b>	<b>Scotland</b>	Jan 16 - Jan 18	MM0NDX will be /p from EU-009	IW7EGQ
<b>HH</b>	<b>Haiti</b>	Jan 11 - Feb 3	KC0W will be /HH5 mainly CW low bands	H.C. dir
<b>IA</b>	<b>Antartica</b>	Now - Feb 4	IZ2QEJ arrived at Concordia. Will use IA/IZ2QEJ	
<b>J7</b>	<b>Dominica</b>	Nov 6 - Mar 5	SM0XBI will be on holiday and will operate from time to time as J79XBI	H.C. dir & bur & LoTW
<b>JD</b>	<b>Ogasawara</b>	Dec 28 - Jan 10	JG7PSJ will be on as JD1BMH	
<b>JW</b>	<b>Svalabard</b>	Nov 2014 Feb 2015	UA3IPL will be on signing /JW	RW6HS dir
<b>JW</b>	<b>Svalabard</b>	Nov 2014 Apr 2015	LA9JKA will operate as JW9JKA from EU-027	H.C. dir
<b>KH8</b>	<b>American Samoa</b>	Jan 7 - Jan 12	JA0JHQ will sign AH0CO/KH8	H.C. dir & bur
<b>KH8</b>	<b>American Samoa</b>	Jan 12 - Jan 19	JH1AJT will sign KH8Z	H.C.
<b>KP1</b>	<b>Navassa</b>	<b>Jan 2015</b>	<b>15 operators signing K1N Details to be fixed</b>	
<b>P2</b>	<b>Papua</b>	Jan 15 - Feb 15	DH7NK will be on as P29NK mainly digital	H.C. bur
<b>PJ2</b>	<b>Curacao</b>	Now - Jan 15	SM4KYN will sign /PJ2	H.C dir

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<b>PJ4</b>	<b>Bonaire</b>	Jan 14 - Jan 29	PA8A will operate as PJ4B	H.C. dir
<b>PJ7</b>	<b>S.Maarten</b>	Dec 18 - Mar 16	AA9A will be on as PJ7AA	H.C. & LoTW
<b>PJ7</b>	<b>S.Maarten</b>	Jan 9 - Jan 13	VA3QSL will be /PJ7	H.C. dir & bur
<b>PY0F</b>	<b>F. de Noronha</b>	Jan 8 - Jan 15	PP1CZ will sign /PY0F	H.C. dir & bur LoTW
<b>R1</b>	<b>Antartica</b>	From Dec 23 on	RW6ACM will be active as RI1ANZ	RN1ON dir & bur
<b>RI</b>	<b>Antartica</b>	Nov 2014 Mar 2015	RD3MX and UA1PAW will be RI1ANR from AN-016 all bands CW & SSB	RK1PWA
<b>S7</b>	<b>Seychelles</b>	Jan 17 - Feb 10	OE4AAC will sign S79AC	H.C. & OQRS
<b>T8</b>	<b>Palau</b>	Jan 7 - Jan 15	JA6EGL, JA6KYU, JA6UBY and JE6DND will be active as T88SM, T88HS, T88CP, and T88HK,	H.C. dir only
<b>TK</b>	<b>Corsica</b>	Oct 6 - Mar 16	G4BKI will be /TK	Dir only to US add.
<b>V5</b>	<b>Namibia</b>	Jan 6 - Jan 13	V5/G3RWF will be on CW	H.C.
<b>VK0</b>	<b>Macquarie</b>	<b>Nov 2014 - Apr 2015</b>	<b>VK6MH will be active as VK0MH</b>	
<b>VK9N</b>	<b>Norfolk</b>	Now - Jan 11	SM3TLG is on /VK9N	H.C Dir
<b>VK9X</b>	<b>Christmas</b>	Jan 4 - Jan 10	VK3HEX as VK9HEX/9	H.C.
<b>VP8</b>	<b>South Georgia</b>	Jan 15 - Feb 16	Large tam will be on	ClubLog
<b>VP8</b>	<b>South Sandwich</b>	Jan 15 - Feb 16	Large team will be on	ClubLog
<b>VQ</b>	<b>Diego Garcia</b>	Jan 15 - Jan 28	N7XR will be again on as VQ9XR	Dir only
<b>VU</b>	<b>India</b>	Jan 9 - Jan 16	VU2MQT group will be on from AS-153 as 8T5MQT	VU2NRO
<b>XW</b>	<b>Laos</b>	Dec 15 - Jan 2 Jan 15 - Jan 23	3W3B will be on as XW4XR	E21EIC
<b>YB</b>	<b>Indonesia</b>	Jan 10 - Jan 11	YB8K group will be on from OC-236	YB8IBD dir only OQRS
<b>YV0</b>	<b>Aves</b>	Jan - Mar 2015	YV0AI expedition could take place during this period	YV5Aj & ClubLog
<b>ZD9</b>	<b>Gough</b>	Jan - Sep 2015	ZS1BCE is working in the island and will sign ZD9A	ZS1LS
<b>ZF</b>	<b>Cayman Island</b>	Jan 10 - Jan 18	K8PGJ will operate as ZF2PG	LoTW & H.C. dir

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**TOP DX NEXT WEEK**

PFX	9/1	10/1	11/1	12/1	13/1	14/1	15/1	16/1	17/1	18/1
CE0Y		X	X	X	X	X	X	X		
EP								X	X	X
KH8	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
T8	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			
VP8SG							X	X	X	X
VP8SS							X	X	X	X
OC236		X	X							

**FUTURE OPERATIONS --- OPERAZIONI FUTURE**

PFX	COUNTRY	DATE	INFO	QSL Info
1S	Spratly	Apr 1 - Apr 30	4F2KWT AD5MD DU1BP K6BF K6BG WA6LOS WE6DX WJ1P WW6CP will be on as DX0P	WJ1P
3B8	Maldives	May 10 - May 19	EA5IDQ will be on /3B8	EA5IDQ
3B9	Rodrigues	May 19 - May 24	EA5IDQ will be on /3B9	EA5IDQ
3W	Vietnam	Mar 11 - Mar 17	SP5APW will operate as 3W2JK from AS-130	
3Y	Bouvet	Jan 16-Apr 15	One man expedition could take place by ON4WW. See below	
3Y	Bouvet	Dec 17 - Jan 10	3Y0F will be the call of the expedition managed by UN7PCZ	
5Z	Kenya	Feb 16 - Mar 8	DF3FS & DL9OLI will sign /5Z	H.C. dir & bur
7Q7	Malawi	Jan 26 - Feb 8	7Q7VW by DK2VW	H.C.
7Q7	Malawi	Postponed to Mar 22 - Apr 1	7QAA will be on activated by two groups	OQRS

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<b>9Q</b>	<b>Congo</b>	Mar 2015	Italian group will be on for a couple of weeks as 9Q0HQ	9Q0AR
<b>C2</b>	<b>Nauru</b>	Mar 25 - Apr 4	PA3EWP DL6JGN DK2AMM DL2AWG will operate 40-10m CW SSB, RTTY	DL2AWG
<b>C6</b>	<b>Bahamas</b>	Feb 20 - Feb 23	NX4N will operate as C6AWW	H.C. Dir & LoTW
<b>CE0Z</b>	<b>Juan Fernandez</b>	Feb 24 - Mar 4	22 operators will be on all bands and modes	
<b>CX</b>	<b>Uruguay</b>	Feb 21 - Feb 23	CV5A group will be on from SA-030	CX2ABC
<b>DU</b>	<b>Philippines</b>	Apr 16 - Apr 19	4G0PUP from OC-244	4F2KWT dir & bur
<b>E4</b>	<b>Palestine</b>	Mar 1 - Mar 31	S500 S59M HB9OCR MM0NDX EA4AK EA7JX; will operate during march	S59M
<b>F</b>	<b>France</b>	May 10 - May 15	TM5U by a ON group from EU-074	ON8AZ dir & bur
<b>F</b>	<b>France</b>	Feb 17 - Feb 28	TM60TAAF will be on in different periods. See below	F8DVD dir & bur
<b>FG</b>	<b>Guadeloupe</b>	Jan 27 - Mar 30	F6ITD will be /FG	ClubLog & LoTW
<b>FG</b>	<b>Guadeloupe</b>	Feb 6 - Mar 16	F1DUZ will be on as FG4KH on EME and HF all bands	H.C. dir & bur
<b>FM</b>	<b>Martinique</b>	Jan 24 - Jan 26 Feb 13 - Feb 14	SP7VC, SP3IPB & SQ7OYL will be /FM	H.C. dir & Bur
<b>FM</b>	<b>Martinique</b>	Mar 22 - Mar 29	M5RIC will be on as TO4C	M0OXO
<b>FO</b>	<b>F.Polynesia</b>	Feb 15 - Feb 24	K8PGJ will be /FO	H.C.
<b>FP</b>	<b>St. Pierre &amp; Miquelon</b>	Feb 26 - Mar 10	KV1J will be /FP All bands + 6 meters	H.C.
<b>FP</b>	<b>St. Pierre &amp; Miquelon</b>	Jul 20 - Jul 29	N7QT will be /FP	H.C. dir & bur
<b>FS</b>	<b>St. Barthelemy</b>	Jan 17 - Jan 25	N9SW will be /FS	H.C.
<b>GI</b>	<b>N.Ireland</b>	Jul 24 - Jul 26	GI50 group will be on from EU-122	M5KJM
<b>GJ</b>	<b>Jersey</b>	Feb 11 - Feb 16	M5RIC will be on as MJ5RIC	M0OXO OQRS
<b>H44</b>	<b>Salomon Islands</b>	Feb 1 - Feb 28	DL2GAC will be on as usual as H44MS	
<b>HC</b>	<b>Galapagos</b>	Jul 1 - Sep 30	G8OFQ will sign /HC8 during his stay as volunteer	HA3JB
<b>HK0</b>	<b>S.Andres</b>	April	LW9EOC will be again on from NA-033 probably signing 5K0A	H.C.
<b>HR</b>	<b>Honduras</b>	Feb 17 - Feb 25	AA4NC will sign /HR5	LoTW

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<b>J3</b>	<b>Grenada</b>	Jan 31 - Feb 28	J38GA by W2BEE	H.C. LoTW & OQRS
<b>J3</b>	<b>Grenada</b>	Feb 6 - Feb 7	SP7VC, SP3IPB, SQ7OYL, K2RPF, SP3CFM & SP7TF will be /J3 from NA-024	H.C. dir & Bur
<b>J3</b>	<b>Grenada</b>	Feb 7 - Feb 8	SP7VC, SP3IPB, SQ7OYL, K2RPF, SP3CFM & SP7TF will be /J3 from NA-147	H.C. dir & Bur
<b>J3</b>	<b>Grenada</b>	Mar 12 - Mar 25	G3PJT will be on as J34G from NA-024	
<b>J6</b>	<b>Santa Lucia</b>	Jan 27 - Feb 3	SP7VC, SP3IPB, SQ7OYL, K2RPF, SP3CFM & SP7TF will be /J6 from NA-108	H.C. dir & Bur
<b>J8</b>	<b>Grenadines</b>	Feb 4 - Feb 5	SP7VC, SP3IPB, SQ7OYL, K2RPF, SP3CFM & SP7TF will be /J8 from NA-109	H.C. dir & Bur
<b>J8</b>	<b>Grenadines</b>	Feb 8 - Feb 9	SP7VC, SP3IPB, SQ7OYL, K2RPF, SP3CFM & SP7TF will be /J8 from NA-025	H.C. dir & Bur
<b>J8</b>	<b>Grenadines</b>	Apr 13 - Apr 21	GW4DVB will sign J88PI	H.C. dir & bur
<b>J8</b>	<b>St. Vincent</b>	Apr 13 - Apr 21	GW4DVB will operate as J88PI	H.C.
<b>JA</b>	<b>Japan</b>	Jan 23 - Jan 25	JA4GXS will operate /5 from AS-200	H.C. dir & bur
<b>JW</b>	<b>Svalabard</b>	Feb 18 - Feb 25	DL2JRM will be on	H.C.
<b>JW</b>	<b>Svalabard</b>	Apr 9 - Apr 15	F8DVD will be /JW EU-026	H.C. dir & bur
<b>KG4</b>	<b>Guantanamo</b>	Feb 6 - Feb 13	WB2REM, N4PSK, N4SIA and K9DIG as KG4HI, KG4RQ KG4AS and KG4YL	
<b>OJ0</b>	<b>Market reef</b>	Jun 28 - Jul 4	ON8VP ON6QO ON5TQ will sign OJ0V	ON5TC
<b>PA</b>	<b>Netherlands</b>	Feb 28 - Mar 15	PD38eu will be aired from EU-038 by PD5MVH	H.C: dir & bur
<b>PJ2</b>	<b>Curacao</b>	Feb 2 - Mar 31	DH6TJ will be /PJ2	
<b>PJ2</b>	<b>Curacao</b>	Feb 2	E7AUM will be /PJ2	H.C.
<b>PJ4</b>	<b>Bonaire</b>	Mar 1 - Mar 12	DG1SGW will be /PJ4	H.C. dir bur LoTW
<b>PY0F</b>	<b>F. de Noronha</b>	Oct 17 - Oct 27	AA4NC will be (PY0F all bands and modes	LoTW
<b>T8</b>	<b>Palau</b>	Mar 5 - Mar 12	TA1HZ will be again on as T88HZ	H.C. bur & LoTW
<b>TG</b>	<b>Guatemala</b>	Jan 22 - Feb 17	VE7BV will be /TG9	H.C. dir & bur & LoTW

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<b>TI9</b>	<b>Cocos</b>	Feb 16 - Feb 23	3Z9DX TI2HMJ K7CO will be active with two stations a/TI9	K8PGJ
<b>TX3</b>	<b>Chesterfield</b>	2015	12 operators will be on from OC-176 signing TX3X	LoTW & QRS
<b>V4</b>	<b>St.Kitts</b>	Jan 20 - Mar 1	W5JON will be on again signing V47JA	HC dir & LoTW
<b>V5</b>	<b>Namibia</b>	Feb 9 - Feb 20	DD8ZX and DJ9KM will be /V5	H.C: dir & bur
<b>V6</b>	<b>Micronesia</b>	Feb 16 - Feb 23	W5MJ will use the call V63MJ all bands CW	H.C: LoTW
<b>VK0</b>	<b>Heard</b>	<b>Nov 17 - Dec 23</b>	<b>VK0EK will be the call of the expedition by a large group</b>	
<b>VP2M</b>	<b>Montserrat</b>	Mar 11 - Mar 25	N7QT will be on all bands and modes	H.C. dir & bur
<b>VU</b>	<b>India</b>	Jan 19 - Jan 16	8T5MQT group will be on from AS-153	QRX.com
<b>XW</b>	<b>Laos</b>	Feb 5 - Feb 25	JA8BMK will sign XW8BM	H.C.
<b>XV</b>	<b>Vietnam</b>	Mar 1 - Mar 31	JA8BMK will sign XV7BM	H.C.
<b>YB</b>	<b>Indonesia</b>	Jul 25 - Jul 26	YC8ROP will be /p from OC-210	LoTW
<b>YJ</b>	<b>Vanatu</b>	Apr 13 - Apr 19	JA1XGI will be active signing YJ0XG	H.C. dir bur OQRS
<b>ZD8</b>	<b>Ascension</b>	Feb 5 - Mar 6	DJ9KH DK9BDN DL6KAC will sign ZD8D Mainly low bands	DL9HO
<b>ZD8</b>	<b>Ascension</b>	Feb 23 - Feb 25	G3TXF will sign ZD8XF	H.C: & LoTW
<b>ZF</b>	<b>Cayman Island</b>	Feb 6	W7AUM as ZF2UM	H.C.
<b>ZF</b>	<b>Cayman Island</b>	Mar 14 - Mar 20	K3UL as ZF2UL	LoTW
<b>ZF</b>	<b>Cayman Island</b>	Apr 25 - May 2	ZF2CI will be used by MM0NDX Could also use /ZF9	IW7EGQ
<b>ZF</b>	<b>Cayman Island</b>	Jul 7 - Jul 12	W6NN as ZF2LL	H.C. & LoTW
<b>ZL7</b>	<b>Chatham</b>	Jan 30 - Feb 1	JA0JHQ will be /ZL7 mainly 17 and 15 m	H.C.

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**SPECIAL CALLS AND PREFIXES**

PFX	Country	Date	Info	QSL Info
DL	Germany	May2014 -Apr2015 All 2015	DM20KIDS DJ90IARU	Bureau
DL	Germany	Jun 1 - Jun 30 Jan 4 All 2015 All 2015	DP7BVBG DM20KIDS DG150ZRS, DK65DARC DJ90IARU, DL65DARC	DF7AA Bureau Bureau Bureau
DL	Germany	All 2015 All 2015	DQ70ELBE DM700LSW	DJ9ZZZ Bureau
E5	N. Cook & S. Cook	All 2015	Stations in the two countries con use the E50 prefix	
F	France	Jan 1 - May 30	TM5CW	F5SJB
G	England	Nov 1 - Mar 15 Jan 1 - Jan 15 All 2015	GB0SFE GB8HMC G50FRS	
HB	Switserlan d		HB200GE	HB9AOF
JA	Japan	Dec 1 - Mar 31 Jan 11 - Feb 11	8J7DRS 8N8SSF	Bureau Bureau
JA	Japan	Now - Mar 31	8J125SSI	Bureau
JA	Japan	Jun - Feb 2015 Dec 1 - Mar 31 Jan 11 - Feb 11	8J1ATUGI 8N150KC 8N8SSF	Bureau Bureau Bureau
JA	Japan	Oct 1 - Mar 31 All 2015	8J160KSW 8J1FUYO	Bureau Bureau
JA	Japan	Apr 20 - Jan 31 May2014-Mar2015 Dec 7 - Mar 1	8J1ZC 8J2VE 8J6HAM	Bureau Bureau Bureau
LZ	Bulgaria	2015	LZ290MB (January), LZ550SI (February), LZ386SKI (March), LZ883PI (April), LZ102SIB (May), LZ293MA (June), LZ429PS (July), LZ250MM (August), LZ129WNLS (September), LZ130SAK (October), LZ259PA (November) and LZ362MT (December)	Bureau
LZ	Bulgaria		LZ290MB	LZ1KCP
OK	Czeck		OL750CB	Bureau

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<b>ON</b>	<b>Belgium</b>	Dec 16 - Jan 14	ON70NU	ClubLog
<b>PA</b>	<b>Netherland</b>	Feb 6 - Feb 8	PA70OV	
<b>PY</b>	<b>Brazil</b>	Jan 2015 Jan 2015 Jan 2015 Jan 11 - Jan 16	ZY7NAT PQ60ICN PP70FEB PS06J	PS7GL PS7GL PS7AB PR7JP
<b>SP</b>	<b>Poland</b>	Jan 1 - Apr 30	3Z85PZK, HF85PZK, SN85PZK, SP85PZK, SQ85PZK, SO85PZK, 3Z90IARU, HF90IARU, SN90IARU, SP90IARU, SQ90IARU, and SO90IARU.	OQRS
<b>VE</b>	<b>Canada</b>	Dec 6 - Jan 4 Feb 1 - Mar 1 Jan 2015	XM3G CG350F VC7SJAM	VE3RHE VE3RHE Bureau
<b>VK</b>	<b>Australia</b>	Jan 2015	VK16AC	M00XO
<b>YO</b>	<b>Romania</b>	Oct - Sep 2015	YO55BU, YP555BU, YQ555BU, YR555BU	

## **Contest, mainly from ARRL Bulletin & WA7BNM**

**NCCC RTTY Sprint: 0145Z-0215Z, Jan 9**

**QRP Fox Hunt: 0200Z-0330Z, Jan 9**

**NCCC Sprint Ladder: 0230Z-0300Z, Jan 9**

**Old New Year Contest: 0500Z-0900Z, Jan 10**

**SKCC Weekend Sprintathon: 1200Z, Jan 10 to 2400Z, Jan 11**

**UBA PSK63 Prefix Contest: 1200Z, Jan 10 to 1200Z, Jan 11**

**North American QSO Party, CW: 1800Z, Jan 10 to 0559Z, Jan 11**

**NRAU-Baltic Contest, SSB: 0630Z-0830Z, Jan 11**

**DARC 10-Meter Contest: 0900Z-1059Z, Jan 11**

**NRAU-Baltic Contest, CW: 0900Z-1100Z, Jan 11**

**QRP Fox Hunt: 0200Z-0330Z, Jan 14**

**CWops Mini-CWT Test: 1300Z-1400Z, Jan 14 and 1900Z-2000Z, Jan 15  
0300Z-0400Z, Jan 15**

**AWA Linc Cundall Memorial CW Contest: 2300Z, Jan 14 to 2300Z, Jan 15  
and 2300Z, Jan 17 to 2300Z, Jan 18**

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## **K1N NAVASSA DXPEDITION**

**(Press Release - December 30th)**

It is now about 4 weeks before K1N goes on the air. The exact date of departure from the staging area will be dependent upon a combination of the date U.S. FWS transportation is available and upon weather windows. It is looking like K1N will be QRV the first two weeks of February. Most of the team have their bags packed and are ready to go. Because of the helicopter logistics, this will be a no-frills-minimum-comfort operation for the team. Meals will be MRE's. The container has been organized for a quick camp setup and quick radio/antenna setup to take advantage of every moment. It is estimated there will be two full days of helicopter shuttles to get everything needed to start operations. A small team of FWS personnel will accompany us, including armed Federal Law Enforcement Officers.

Efficiency is not just for the team, but also for the DX community. It has been over 22 years since Navassa was activated and USFWS will not allow another operation for at least 10 more years. This is a ONCE IN 32 YEARS opportunity to work Navassa! Everyone can make the most of this opportunity by LISTENING to the operator's instructions and following the cadence of the operator. We will not be working all modes on all bands, but limiting most bands to a specific mode, so that we can work the pileups down to the last little pistol.

Fund raising has been going well. The team has contributed about half of the total budget. For those in the U.S., it is possible to make a year-end tax-deductible donation, directed through the Northern California DX Foundation. See <[www.navassadx.com](http://www.navassadx.com)> and follow the instructions on the DONATE tab.

We have a Facebook page to watch and a Twitter feed (@navassa2015) to follow along.

For the KP1-5 Project,

Bob Allphin K4UEE

Glenn Johnson W0GJ

Mike Thomas NA5U

## **3Y/B, BOUVET ISLANDS**

3Y/B, BOUVET 2016 (Press release #2 - Bouvet Project - de ON4WW). Update dated December 30th:

It is getting close to 'decision time' whether or not the Bouvet project will go forward. I am amazed by the amount of funding intentions received from individual DXers and DX Foundations/Clubs alike.

As stated from the beginning, I will be very transparent about every aspect of this project, finances not being the least. At this point in time, 112k euro out of the needed 250k euro are on the budget spreadsheet, this is exciting news!

The funding intentions from individual DXers range from 10,- USD to a staggering 100,000 USD (8,- EUR to 82,000 EUR). Yes, there is an angel contributor willing to donate this much of money to see this project succeed!

I am expecting the input of some of the DX Foundations, DX Clubs and other Amateur Radio related Institutions to reach me in the next few weeks. As such, I am postponing the deadline for a possible go ahead

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until the end of January 2015.

Some of you have raised a point of concern about two teams possibly activating Bouvet around the same time period. I have done my homework on this, and with all data at hand I see no reason to adjust my initial concept. In regard to possible funding for the two efforts, luckily for you, the deserving DXer and the DX Foundations/Clubs there are mechanisms in place to determine the viability and success factors of both efforts. The unique one-man effort over a 3 month time period, will undoubtedly show how this different approach will make more people happy (compared to a multi-operator team, short time period).

Have a closer look why.

It is in the scope of this project:

1. To work as many unique stations as possible; Thanks to the 3 month time period, I will be able to work 1 or 2 specific bands exactly for this purpose. The very last interested QRPP station willing to work Bouvet and willing to put the necessary time and effort from his/her side into it, will be able to get in the log;

2. To work those stations that need Bouvet on certain bandslots/modes to achieve 9 band clean sweeps;

3. To provide SSB, CW and RTTY contacts for those needing certain modes.

For all audiences, I will have plenty of time. It will be the primary reason for me being on Bouvet, making radio contacts, as many as possible. Whether or not there will be two DXpeditions activating Bouvet, all the target audiences (unique/9 band-ers/modes) will ultimately have a better shot with the 3 month concept.

For this approach to be successful, it needs one or two things.

- Club Log is a great asset to Amateur Radio. However, the 'Leaderboard' function will not be used;
- I will ask to those who already have Bouvet confirmed on certain bands/modes: only work Bouvet where you need it.

I am confident I can count on the fair play from the deserving DXers to just work Bouvet where they need it. Resulting in being able to work the pileups down to the very last QRPP or mobile station and at the same time making the 9 band hams reach their objective.

For those of you who would like to, and are able to contribute to the project upfront, please send an e-mail to "bouvet2016 'at' telenet.be" with the amount you intend to donate. Again, I do not want/need any money now, there is no PayPal account, it is just your funding intention I need to know at this point in time.

The final total on my spreadsheet will tell me whether to go ahead or not. A final thought: 112k out of 250k is not enough to go ahead.

Thank you to those who already stepped forward, much appreciated!

Wishing all of you a happy and healthy 2015, and may your logs be filled with wonderful DX.... 73 - Mark - ON4WW

## **EP6T IRAN DXPEDITION (Kish Island - AS-166). Press Release #4, dated December 29th**

: With only 16 days to go before the EP6T DXpedition will take place in the I.R of Iran, the Rockall DX Group is in the final process of finalizing their newest set-up:

5 High power stations, more than 6km of radials, new RX systems, filters, combiners, verticals, phased arrays, a 4 SQ and 5 beams should make it possible to get YOU in our log!

Out of almost 4,800 voters who filled out our poll, it's obvious that "the Low bands" will become the challenge of this expedition. Our Low band (160/80/40) operators will be QRV from local sunset (1345Z) up until our sunrise (0300Z) and will hopefully be able to pull out the weaker W6/W7 signals that will reach us on 160 meters via the long path.(27.000KM!) During the first two days of the expedition, we encourage DX stations from all corners of the world to listen to us on the Low bands and to keep our pilots informed of

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your best times so we can focus based on the data we receive. During these days we will also be doing our utmost to thin out the EU pile.

Propagation predictions show that almost all continents are within decent signal range, with North America the only exception. The EP to NA path is extremely difficult and of short duration. To give everyone a fair chance and to obtain a leveled continental balance, we will have to use all openings to NA to the fullest! The 10 meter antenna has been replaced by a 5 element OWA Yagi. By doing so, our signal will be significantly stronger, but we also hope to be able to log West Coast stations via LP.

You will be able to find us on the frequencies listed on our website at: <http://www.rockall.be/index.php/frequency-list>

The website also provides a link to Stu, K6TU, that guarantees your personal propagation prediction towards Kish Island at:

[<https://k6tu.net/?q=node/add/dx-prediction-ep6t>](https://k6tu.net/?q=node/add/dx-prediction-ep6t)

We have put countless hours and tremendous efforts in trying to meet everyone's needs and hopes for your cooperation; because besides predictions, the most important message "is the operators instructions".

During our stay it is likely that next to the experts from the C.R.A, some local radio amateurs will come and visit us. Together, we will share all our experiences and help them discover the fun of pile-ups. Please be patient and help them to discover this wonderful hobby.

Your QSL card is guaranteed, all information can be found on our website and note that each individual sponsor in our log receives a QSL card completely free of charge!

The Rockall DX Group wishes you Happy Holidays, and a good EP6T hunt!

\*For your convenience we have listed useful information below for you to work us:

#### Lowbands

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North America - West coast -- 1345-1630z (LP)  
North America - East coast -- 2200-0300z  
Australia -- 1900-2140z  
Pacific - New Zealand -- 1700-1730z (SR - ZL)  
Japan -- 2030-220z (SR)  
Europe -- PSE avoid calling us on peak moments  
for other continents!!!

#### For North America

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28 MHz West coast -- 1500-1800z (LP) \* 0400-0600z (LP)  
24 MHz -- 1300z - until band closing \* 1500-1800z (LP)  
21 MHz -- 1300z - until band closing \* 0215-0500z (LP)  
18 MHz -- 1200-1600z \* 1500-1700z (LP)  
14 MHz -- 1200-1700z

## Juan Fernandez

Press release nr 1

For immediate release:

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After Tromelin, the Provins ARC, F6KOP will be on Robinson Crusoe Island SA-005 (Juan Fernandez Archipelago) from 24th February to 4<sup>th</sup> march 2015

A team of 22 operators from 7 different nationalities will be active on 160 to 6m

The web site will be online soon

QSL direct / buro / LOTW

Team Leader : F5JTV Alain, Co-leaders : F8ATS Tony, F1ULQ Jean Luc

Source : F6KOP

More information to follow.

73 de

Maurice, F5NQL, KOP team 10

Internet communication Officer for Juan Fernandez 2015

## **VP8/SG & VP8/SS, SOUTH GEORGIA ISLAND AND SOUTH SANDWICH ISLANDS (Press Release #1, by Paul Ewing, N6PSE)**

The Intrepid-DX Group, led by Paul Ewing-N6PSE and David Collingham-K3LP, is pleased to announce our next Dxpedition. In January 2016, a multi-national team of fourteen operators will converge in Stanley, the Falkland Islands, and start a 34 day voyage aboard the R/V Braveheart to the #4 most wanted DXCC, South Sandwich Island and the #9 most wanted DXCC, South Georgia Island.

The team will set up and operate from each island for approximately eight days, weather and sea conditions permitting.

Our primary objective is to activate South Sandwich and South Georgia with a goal of providing as many Dxers as possible a "new one" with these rare DXCC entities and, as a secondary objective; we will focus on low-band contacts.

The team consists of fourteen operators including: Paul Ewing/N6PSE (Co-Leader), David Collingham/K3LP (Co-Leader), Bill Beyer/N2WB, Arnie Shatz/N6HC (Team Physician), Dmitri Zhikharev/RA9USU, Jun Tanaka/JH4RHF, Krassimir Petkov/K1LZ, David Jorgensen/WD5COV, Al Hernandez/K3VN, Craig Thompson/K9CT, Jay Slough/K4ZLE, Kevin Rowett/K6TD, Stephen Wright/VE7CT, and Mark Stennett/NA6M.

The group plans to have six stations on the air from 10 through 160 meters with SSB, CW and RTTY. The radios will be the venerable Elecraft K3 while the amplifiers will be the Elecraft KPA500, 600 watt amplifiers. We will also use an Acom 1500 on the low bands. There will be low band receive antennas and every effort will be made to utilize the propagation on all bands to all population areas.

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Our QSL Managers will be Bob Schenck, N200, and Steve Wheatley, KU9C, working with the QSL team from the South Jersey DX Association. We will have OQRS, we will accept direct and bureau QSL cards. We plan to upload our logs to Club Log on a daily basis where conditions permit. The Club Log Leaderboard feature will not be activated for this Dxpedition. You can find out more about our plans at our website:

<http://www.intrepid-dx.com/vp8>

Thank you, Paul N6PSE and David K3LP

## **TM60TAAF, FRANCE (Special Event)**

Look for special event station TM60TAAF to be on air on February 2015 : 1, 6 to 8, 13 to 17, 19 to 22 and 27 to 28. Activity is to celebrate the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of French Southern Antarctic Territory (FSAT/TAAF) founding in 1955. The FSAT/TAAF territory includes 8 DXCC :

- Amsterdam, Crozet and Kerguelen Islands (3)

- Adelie Land /Antarctica (1)

- Europa, Glorieuse, Juan de Nova, Tromelin islands (4)

Operation will be made from 10 to 40 m by François F8DVD from his Qth of Mâcon in the east part of France, 60 km North of Lyon.

Activation will also be hold during the 12<sup>th</sup> Antarctic Activity Week. The new reference for WAP program is 255. For more details, visit <http://www.qrz.com/db/TM60TAAF>

QSL via F8DVD, direct (SAE + 1 new IRC or 2 USD) or via buro.

François Bergez 6, rue de la Liberté F- 71000 MACON FRANCE

[a.pole@laposte.net](mailto:a.pole@laposte.net)

## **TX5, CHESTERFIELD ISLAND (Press Release dated January 3rd)**

Gene, K5GS,

sent out the following [edited]: Chesterfield Islands 2015 DX-pedition (OC-176) -- 2015 / 2016 are shaping up to be one of the best ever DX- pedition seasons. Along with the skipper of Evohe we developed our tentative sailing schedule. We will ship equipment to Auckland, New Zealand, where the boat will be loaded and sail for Noumea, New Caledonia.

Sailing in the Coral Sea is always a challenge, avoiding the cyclone season is a top priority.

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| 1. Advance Team arrives in NZ         | 12 Sept, 2015 |
| Buy locally sourced items, Load Evohe | 13 - 16 Sept  |
| 2. Evohe departs for Noumea           | 17 Sept       |
| 3. Evohe arrives Noumea               | 23 Sept       |
| 4. Radio Team arrives in Noumea       | 25 - 26 Sept  |
| 5. Sail to Chesterfield               | 28 - 30 Sept  |
| 6. Land on Chesterfield               | 1 Oct         |
| 7. Setup                              | 1-2 Oct       |
| 8. Radio operations                   | 2-12 Oct      |
| 9. Tear down                          | 12 Oct        |
| 10. Sail to Noumea                    | 13-15 Oct     |

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| 11. Evohe arrives Noumea                   | 15 Oct      |
| 12. Evohe sails for NZ                     | 17 Oct      |
| Radio team departs for home.               | 18 Oct      |
| Several members return to NZ to meet Evohe |             |
| 13. Evohe arrives NZ                       | 23 Oct      |
| 14. Offload boat in New Zealand            | 24 / 25 Oct |
| 15. Repack equipment for shipping          | 25-27 Oct   |

The following individuals were added to the team: Steve Dyer/W1SRD, Ross Forbes/K6GFJ and Kevin Rowett/K6TD. Team members previously committed include: Pista/HA5AO, Les/W2LK, Mike/WA6O and Gene/K5GS. Additional team members will be added. Interested in joining the team? Please e-mail: [chesterfield@pdxg.net](mailto:chesterfield@pdxg.net)

**Landing Permit:** After some initial confusion we confirmed that a landing permit is not required for DXCC purposes. We will provide the ARRL DXCC desk photos with GPS coordinates and a copy of the ship's log when we drop anchor.

**QSL Management:** We will manage our own QSLs. Partnering with a well known QSL manager we wrote a fully integrated cloud based: Log Search - OQRS - QSO management application: that delivers the familiar user functions plus an integrated approach to QSL label management and

LoTW management. Working from a single cloud data base the QSL team's workload and manual tasks will be greatly reduced.

**TX3X License:** Our license application for TX3X was submitted and received in New Caledonia. The process requires the application be forwarded to and processed by the ANFR in France. We are being assisted by New Caledonia resident Remi Touzard FK8CP. We are well ahead of the usual license processing time which is typically months. So, until the official license arrives we will refer to TX3X as "pending".

**Equipment Consolidation Location:** Our equipment will be shipped to Auckland, New Zealand and placed in secure storage. We'll load the boat at the Bayswater Marina which is located across the harbor between Auckland suburbs of Devonport and Takapuna.

**Project Cost:** The preliminary budget for this DX-pedition is~\$150,000(USD). As with any DX-pedition that requires a boat charter team safety is the top priority. We are using a known boat and skipper. We encourage support from worldwide individual DXers, DX clubs and DX foundations.

Our goal is to cover 50% of the total cost through donations. The team members will pay their own travel / living expenses and will cover the difference between total cost and donations received. At the end of the project we will provide club and foundation donors

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with a financial summary.

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Please direct any questions to: [chesterfield@pdxg.net](mailto:chesterfield@pdxg.net)

Please see our website for additional information:

<http://chesterfield2015.pdxg.net>

73, Team Chesterfield 2015

## **VK0EK HEARD DXPEDITION (Press Release - Dated December 31st):**

Team members, support people, sponsors, and interested persons - We have official confirmation from the vessel for the dates of the expedition: Nov. 10th - Dec. 22nd, 2015.

These dates mean depart/return Fremantle, Australia. The visit to Kerguelen is not yet confirmed-the skipper is working on that, so we'll update you when we have news.

Thanks to Rodney Russ for arranging with the Shokalskiy for extra time in Fremantle in order to accommodate this need. Some team members would have been unable to participate had we not been able to return before Christmas. This is a nice present, and ensures that the expedition can make (and keep) the plans..... Bob, KK6EK (Cordell Expeditions)

<http://vk0ek.org/faq>

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